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I saw GRO-B for assessment on the 4th November 2009 and again for review on the 25th November 2009. As you are aware she is currently on a course of treatment with weekly Pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin for treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection. Unfortunately almost since the commencement of this treatment she has experienced a deterioration in her overall mood with persistent depression associated with emotional lability and agitation. She has also developed a disturbed sleep pattern with middle and late insomnia.

GRO-B reports no previous psychiatric history.

Her presentation is in keeping with a diagnosis of Interferon induced mood disorder. Following discussion GRO-B was amenable to a trial of antidepressant therapy and so I commenced her on Citalopram 20mg daily.

At her review appointment a fortnight later she reported significant improvement in her overall mood with a reduction in tearfulness and agitation.

She is keen to remain on antidepressant therapy in the meantime and so I have issued her with repeat prescription for Citalopram 20mg daily.

I shall arrange to see her for review at her next routine appointment at the nurse led Interferon clinic.

Yours sincerely

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